

April the 6th 1720
Read and Assented to by the Lower
House of Assembly & Signed of Order
M Tenifer Secy.

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Read and Assented to by the Upper House of
Assembly and Signed of Order
John Calvert Secy.

April the 22nd 1720 On behalf of his Majesty the Right Honble the
Lord Proprietarie of this Province
I will this be a Law
J. M. Calvert



An Act for the Relief of Benjamin Howard in making Good
the Survey of Howards Purchase

Whereas it is made appear to this present General Assembly by rec-
-cord and sufficient Evidence viva voce that a certain John Howard late
of Annarundell County in the Year Seventeen hundred and three put a
Common Land Warrant for Sixteen hundred Acres of Land duly purchased out
of his Lordships Land Office into the hands of Dutton Lane then one of his Lordships
Deputy Surveyors of Baltimore County to be laid upon six hundred and forty
Acres of Land lying near to the Branch of Bush River upon a Branch leading
into Deep Creek and that the said Dutton Lane by Virtue of the same Warrant
Surveyed for the said John Howard, accordingly a parcel of Land reputed to contain
Six hundred and forty Acres and for the beginning or first boundary of the said
Survey, the said Dutton Lane then and there marked two Chesnutts and one Fle-
-ory and then run North Eighty Seven degrees and a half Easterly from the
said Beginning two hundred and six perches to a White Oak which he then
marked as another bounded tree of the said Land and from thence South
by East two hundred and fifty perches to a Red Oak which he then marked
as another bounded Tree of the said Land and thence run North Seventy three
Degrees West one hundred perches to two white Oaks and a Spanish Oak all w.
the said Dutton Lane then marked as one other boundary of the said Land and
thence run South Seventy Seven degrees West two hundred and twelve perches to
a Chesnut tree w. he then marked as another bounded Tree of the said Land
and thence run Various Courses and distances till by a straight line to the
first beginning it included the said quantity of Six hundred and forty
Acres, that in a short time after the said Survey the said John Howard
made his Last Will & Testament and devised the said Six hundred and
-ette Howard and died leaving the said Absolute Howard and his Son Ben-
-jamin Howard Infants of tender Years, that shortly after his Decease and
before the said Dutton Lane made any return of the Certificate of the said
Survey he fled from this Province to Carolina to avoid the prosecution of his
Creditors that the said Absolute Howard is now dead whereby the Right
of the said Six hundred and forty Acres descended to the said Benjamin
Howard, that it sufficiently appears the said Dutton Lane was fully
Satisfied his Just Dues for his Services as if they had been perfectly compl-
-ted and that he gave out in Speeches that he had made due return of the
said Certificate, but for that such Certificate appears not on Record and